

**Lord Holland's Reminiscences.**

Lord Holland had conceived a favorable opinion of Wellington during the Peninsular War, but subsequently he felt a deepening mistrust of his ulterior motives. His worst offence, in Lord Holland's eyes, seems to have been his conduct in Paris and his failure to save Marshal Ney from execution. Wellington took umbrage at a passage in a letter written by Lord Holland to Lord Kinnaird on behalf of Marshal Ney, and for some years the two did not speak. Subsequently, however, they visited one another, and political differences did not in-

association of public men to whom Sheridan professed himself attached, and of whom, in these memoirs, Lord Holland has constituted himself the historian. He holds that the injustice of those inferences can only be excused by recording the failings that really disqualified Mr. Sheridan for a political station to which his intellectual powers, as well as many other endowments, would have entitled him to rise. According to our author, it was neither Irish birth nor low extraction (as Thomas Moore insinuates) that excluded Mr. Burke or Mr.

nection with politics, acquired or deserved celebrity for genius or talent, learning or wit, in science, in art, in poetry, in literature or in conversation. Of Horace Walpole, whom he used to visit at Strawberry Hill, he says that "his conversation, like his written compositions, displayed a sprightly mind and a memory stored with anecdotes, historical and literary, the result of much antiquarian research and the fruit of a long life spent in the company of statesmen, authors, artists and wits. In his person he was slender and trim, in his manners

men are disposed to stigmatize their Arian and Unitarian adversaries as dishonest and ignorant, must be prepared to maintain some strong paradoxes with respect to celebrated men. They must question the sincerity of Lardner and deny the learning of Milne, Clarke, Porson and Wakefield. In a footnote the author of these memoirs adds to the list of names as Hooker, Newton, Cresswell, Tillotson, Paley and others, although none of them used the direct words, and some distinctly denied all doubts of the Trinity. They are not, however, to be counted among those Trinitarians who exclude Arians, or even Socinians, from the pale of Christianity.

Of Porson's repertoires Lord Holland preserves two specimens. When some enthusiastic admirer of the knot of writers

history of European diplomacy exists in any language. His own conception of the theme which he has undertaken to treat is indicated in a preface. It is his belief that a history of diplomacy properly includes not only an account of the progress of international intercourse, but also an exposition of the motives by which it has been inspired and of the results which it has accomplished. Even this statement does not fully express the scope of such a history, for an intelligent discussion of the subject must include also

stitutions of diplomatic relations. The first to practise these arts in Western Europe, Venice became "the school and touchstone of ambassadors." The care and fidelity with which the archives were kept at very early days are attested by the preservation of a diploma dated in the year 883, by which the Emperor Charles the Fat determined the limits of the jurisdiction of Venice. From the first it would appear, although the earliest archives have now been lost, that the Venetian official was obliged to report in writing every measure he took, and every piece of intelligence he received. The careful preservation of these records (*relazioni*) has rendered the Venetian archives, down to the fall of the Republic in 1797, the richest and most valuable storehouse of diplomatic history in the world. By virtue of their preeminent merits, the Venetian diplomatists became

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